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THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. UNDERWOOD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. UNDERWOOD led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

ANOTHER HISTORIC INVESTMENT IN AMERICA

(Ms. UNDERWOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, last week, House Democrats advanced yet another historic investment in the American people, the America COMPETES Act. Not only will the America COMPETES Act strengthen our economic and national security, it supports the production of U.S. semiconductors, which play a role in nearly every sector of our economy.

This critical \$52 billion investment in semiconductors will address chip shortages and supply chain disruptions, lowering car costs for consumers while creating good-paying jobs. I have heard from my neighbors how much they have been feeling the recent spike in new and used car prices and wait times, and this bill will help.

The America COMPETES Act also makes transformational investments in research, authorizing a new program to advance accelerator technology and build on the work of scientists at Fermilab National Accelerator Facility in my district.

I am proud to support this comprehensive legislation to boost American competitiveness and broaden economic opportunity, and I urge my colleagues in the Senate to act swiftly to send it to President Biden's desk.

IOWA'S INDEPENDENT BEEF PRODUCERS

(Mr. FEENSTRA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FEENSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of Iowa's independent beef producers amid the ongoing DOJ investigations into anti-competitive behavior by the Big Four Meat Packers.

On Wednesday, JBS Foods, the world's largest meat supplier, paid \$52 million to sweep their price-fixing shenanigans under the rug. But they can't hide what we have known all along. These big meat packers are illegally distorting the market to increase their profits and at the expense on Iowa family farmers. It is shameful and it is wrong.

That is why we need to pass the Cattle Price Discovery and Transparency Act to finally hold big packers accountable and help Iowa's small, independent producers compete on a level playing field. That is what a free and fair market is all about. It is time that DOJ do its job and take real steps to hold Big Four Meat Packers accountable.

We have waited long enough.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ESTEBAN TORRES

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to the late, former Congressman Esteban Torres, a devoted and beloved Chicano civil rights champion. I knew Mr. Torres in the 1990s during my first campaigns for Congress. I was honored by his support of my early campaigns and benefitted greatly from his counsel and his goodwill. We should all find inspiration in his rise from very humble beginnings to becoming a highly respected and influential Member of Congress. Indisputably, Mr. Torres was a trailblazing Latino leader and immigration advocate, who opened the space of greater diversity and representation in California politics for all people.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the life of a Korean war veteran, labor leader, community development executive, diplomat, and Member of Congress who continued to make a difference in his retirement.

To the Torres family and all those who have been inspired by him, I offer my deepest condolences.

RECOGNIZING KOLE KING

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young man from my district who is dominating motorcycle racing. Kole King of Burlington, Iowa, recently won the Grand National Hooligan Championship in Pensacola, Florida.

At just 25, Kole has already reached the top of flat-track motorcycle racing. Through 13 races during last sea-

son, he won 8 times, blowing past his competition. Kole has been racing since he was a young child and is a great example that if you work hard and do what you love, your dreams can come true.

Good luck, Kole King, the now-defending champion. Iowa is cheering for you.

STAND WITH POLICE

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, right now crime throughout America is on the rise. One year ago, Democrats across our country began their calls to defund the police. And now, today, we are seeing the sad reality that their words and actions have had deadly consequences throughout American communities.

Last year, over a dozen U.S. cities set dismal new records for the number of murders that have occurred in their streets. What we are seeing right now is more drugs, more carjackings, more violence, and more crime. And through all of it, our police officers have been forced not only to battle this new wave of lawlessness, but also they have been fighting to keep the funding that provides the training and the equipment that they need to keep us safe.

It is actually very simple to see, we cannot afford to defund the police. We cannot afford to leave our communities vulnerable to crime. It is time for liberals to take public safety seriously. It is time to back the men and women in blue. And it is time to stand up for law enforcement.

FENTANYL DRUG OVERDOSES

(Mr. WALBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, each year, too many lives are cut short because of drug overdoses. And fentanyl and its analogs, most of which originate from China, are making this crisis even worse.

Sadly, under the Biden administration's porous border policies, many of these deadly drugs are flooding across the southern border and devastating communities across the country. We need to use every available resource to fight back, including giving law enforcement the flexibility to go after drug traffickers who flout the law. Unless we take action, an important tool—the DEA's emergency scheduling order for fentanyl-related substances—will expire this very month.

It is past time to make this scheduling classification permanent, and I am proud to cosponsor the HALT Fentanyl Act to do just that.

Mr. Speaker, let's pass this bill, secure the border, and stem the tide of the growing fentanyl crisis.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. PAUL BROWN

(Mr. BALDERSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life and legacy of my dear friend, Dr. Paul Brown, past President of Zane State College, and a respected voice for higher education in Ohio. I was heartbroken to learn of his sudden passing last week.

Among the many accomplishments over his 30-year career was his work to modernize Zane State for better preparing students for success in their careers and in life. Under his leadership, Zane State had over 70 percent growth in enrollment and record-setting job placement.

It was an honor to work alongside Paul for so many years. I extend my heartfelt condolences to his wife, Linda, and the entire Brown family.

HONORING CLARENCE “TAFKY” ABEL AND 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN IN WINTER OLYMPICS

(Mr. BERGMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the first Native American in the Winter Olympics and fellow Yooper, Clarence “Taffy” Abel.

Taffy was born in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, on May 28, 1900, and was a member of the Sault Tribe of the Chippewa Indians. Following his childhood years, he joined the U.S. National Hockey Team in the first Winter Olympics in 1924. From there, he was selected by his fellow athletes to carry the American flag during the opening ceremonies and helped the U.S. win a Silver Medal.

Taffy went on to lead a successful professional career in the NHL with the New York Rangers and Chicago Blackhawks, resulting in two Stanley Cups, and was greatly respected by many of his peers. His accomplishments significantly advanced international hockey as an institution by tearing down many sport and cultural barriers.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in recognizing this historic anniversary and the legacy of Clarence “Taffy” Abel.

ARGENTINA’S ONE BELT, ONE ROAD INITIATIVE

(Mr. GAETZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, while the Biden administration, the media, and many in Congress beat the drums of war for Ukraine, there is a far more

significant threat to our Nation accelerating rapidly close to home.

Argentina, a critical nation and economy in the Americas, has just lashed itself to the Chinese Communist Party by signing on to the One Belt, One Road Initiative.

The cost to China was \$23.7 billion, a mere fraction of a rounding error when compared to the trillions of dollars our country has spent trying to build democracies out of sand and blood in the Middle East.

China buying influence and infrastructure in Argentina to collaborate on space and nuclear energy is a direct challenge to the Monroe Doctrine, and far more significant to American security than our latest NATO flirtation in the plains of Eastern Europe.

China is a rising power. Russia is a declining power. Let us sharpen our focus so that we do not join them in that eventual fate.

RECOGNIZING ORION JEAN

(Mr. ELLZEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ELLZEY. Mr. Speaker, I would like to address the floor today and bring attention to an extraordinary young man from Mansfield, Texas, named Orion Jean.

In 2020, Orion was selected as the National Kindness Speech Contest Winner. With the cash prize that Orion received from the speech contest, he created his own initiative focused on community and kindness, called Race to Kindness.

His first project was Race to 500 Toys. Orion collected and personally donated over 600 books to the Children’s Medical Center of Dallas, but Orion did not stop there. He continued on with his next Race to Kindness project, Race to 100,000 Meals. With the support of local communities and non-profit organizations, Orion fed over 100,000 people during Thanksgiving 2020.

Orion’s efforts not only reached the people of District 6, but with his most recent endeavor, Race to 500,000 Books, he has collected 500,000 books and is distributing them to Mansfield Independent School District, Fort Worth Independent School District, and Dallas Independent School District, along with several literacy organizations.

Just when you think this young man could not get any more impressive, he is also a published author with his debut book, “A Kids Book About Leadership,” which encourages children to discover the power of leadership that resides within themselves.

He has appeared on Good Morning America and The Ellen Show, where he received a \$10,000 donation for Race to Kindness. And right now, Orion is a Top 5 finalist for Time’s Kid of the Year 2021.

Orion’s goal is to pull kindness to the forefront and show the true power of community and how those two quali-

ties can change people’s lives. We should all strive to be more like Orion Jean.

□ 1415

MASKING CHILDREN IS CHILD ABUSE

(Mrs. GREENE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to talk about how children feel about masks.

You see, while they are watching television, seeing Super Bowl games where adults are filling stadiums without masks and enjoying themselves, and while they see concerts happen, they see people go to work, they see adults going many places all over this country without masks, they are forced to wear a mask every single day at school, and it is wrong. Actually, it is child abuse.

Now, I know that sounds like strong words, but it really is because children are not at risk of COVID-19. As a matter of fact, children are at the lowest risk.

Do you know what is harmful to children? Having their faces covered all day long at school, not being able to see each other’s faces; not being able to see their teachers’ faces; and not being able to learn properly speech, emotions, having that connection, seeing each other’s faces, and learning from adults seeing each other’s faces.

Now, while Democrats are going on with the mask for thee and not for me, kids have had enough. And they are going to be future voters. They are sick and tired of being forced to wear a mask. It needs to end. Masking children is child abuse.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o’clock and 17 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1700

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE) at 5 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Adrian Swann, one of his secretaries.

ENDING FORCED ARBITRATION OF SEXUAL ASSAULT AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT ACT OF 2021

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 900, I call up